



Exploring Juneteenthby Pastor Annie Ladnier

Today, June 19th, is known as Juneteenth. It commemorates the day in June of 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas finally received word about the Emancipation Proclamation which had been signed by Abraham Lincoln on January 1 of 1863. For over two years, people were illegally held in slavery, despite their freedom being granted to them. On Juneteenth we celebrate their liberation. As Christians we are a people of liberation and so we are called to celebrate our collective liberation as children of God.

Nationally touring artist, educator and graduate of Luther Seminary, Joe Davis, wrote a wonderful piece on Juneteenth that I have linked here (I shared last week how we were able to hear him present to us at this year's Synod Assembly). He interweaves God's story with the story of his ancestors to remind us that we worship a God of liberation.

Living Lutheran Article by Joe Davis

Dr. Dianne R. Browne is the guest author for today's ELCA Racial Justice blog as well. In it she shares about the beauty of the word sankofa, a word from the Akan people of Ghana which means "learning from the past to move forward in the future." You can read her article here:

Juneteenth: An Intergenerational Conversation

A prayer for Juneteenth:

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like those of generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form and any manner of oppression. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere, to the glory of your Holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



This Sunday!







Did you know that the 2019 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA called for the ELCA to develop a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters?

The ELCA has multiple social statements which serve as our "primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation" (from elca.org). In 2023 the task force for this social statement issued a 6-session study for public feedback that informed this Draft Statement on Civic Life and Faith. Now, in the summer of 2024, congregation and synods are invited to study and provide feedback on the draft statement. Our next adult forum will provide a platform for discussion on this statement. Please join us on Sunday, July 14th for this discussion and opportunity to provide feedback.

To access the draft statement and more information on providing feedback click this link:

ELCA's Draft Statement on Civic Life & Faith





Property Ministry is in need of volunteers this summer to mow HOPE's lawn and to help weed and maintain our flowers.

You don't need to have a green thumb or landscaping knowledge. All you need is to be willing to drive the mower or be willing do some light weeding and maintenance in the garden. Any time you can give will be much appreciated.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, you can also call or email Doug or Susie Rudesill :

Doug - rudesill@comcast.com Phone 715-410-7789

Susie - psrudesill@gmail.com Phone 715-808-3095



Pastor Annie is out of the office June 24-30th!

Rev. Sarah Schaffner will preside at worship on Sunday, June 30th.

For any pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Melissa Hrdlicka (Joy Lutheran, Prescott) at 920-676-7439

Pastor Melissa lives in River Falls and is happy to assist you!

Pastor Annie welcomes your prayers for safe travels to South Carolina to visit family!

Meals Needed! Sign Up Here

Congregational Life Ministry has set up Meal Trains for John & Karen Hamilton and Gwen & Ed Paulson. If you wish to contribute sign up here.

Hamilton Meal Train

Paulson Meal Train







ADMISSION!

A POOL PARTY WITH HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

08.03.23 | 6:15-7:30 PM | GLEN PARK POOL | ALL ARE WELCOME!

Treats provided!

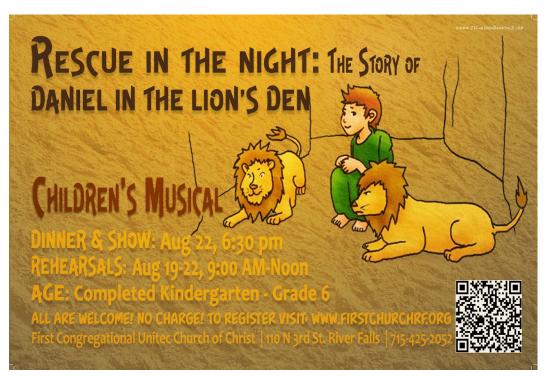


VBS & Children's Musical with First Congregational Church!!



VBS is free and open to all community children. Join us! Registration forms can be FOUND HERE

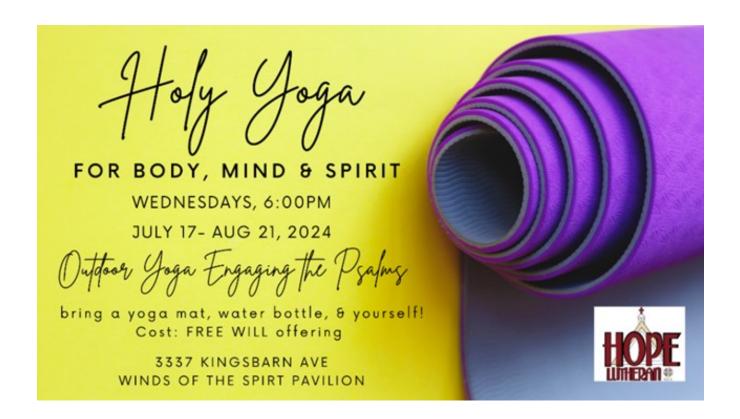
Dinner and a Presentation: August 1, 6:30PM



Dinner and the Show: August 22, 6:30PM











Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Summer Retreat

St. Croix Valley Conference

Saturday, August 17, 2024 Ezekiel Lutheran Church

> 202 S 2nd Street, River Falls, WI (on street parking only)

\$15 Admission Fee (includes program and lunch)

8:30am - 9:15am Registration and Coffee

9:15am—11:30am - Event Lunch to Follow



The Kids Are Not OK;

"The effects of cell phone use on adolescents mental health and what families can do about it"

Lynne Silva-Breen, MDiv, MA, LMFT

Lynne was an ELCA Pastor in Wisconsin and Minnesota for 20+ years before returning to graduate school. She obtained her degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and has just recently retired from her practice in Burnsville, Minnesota.





All are invited & needed to participate in the leading of worship! Please prayerfully consider sharing y our time and talents!

SIGN UP HERE

Want to help but not sure what the job entails? Learn more in our Worship Volunteer Guide





All are invited to join Pastor Annie for this weekly small group conversation and Bible study!

This is a great chance to grow in relationship with God and one another.

Discussion time includes group check-in, opening meditation, and study of the week's worship texts.

We meet via Zoom so all can join from wherever you are!

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88419155061? pwd=di9hUXlaeDdzM0dCK0pPMDNtbHczZz09



CHANGE IN EGG SALES

Going forward, if you would like to purchase eggs in support of HOPE's Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Rodewald at 715-222-2551.

You can either pick them up at HOPE or come to our farm at 249 State Rd 65 River Falls.

This will ensure the freshest eggs for you!



Please lift up the following people in prayer

Brad Hermann (Friend of Pastor Annie)

Jerry Sather Family (Brother of Karen Hamilton)

Woody Fangmeier (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)

Family of Kermit Paulson

Marcus Stack (Friend of Steve & Karen Kaste)

Janet Cudd (Friend of Jeff & Karen Rodewald)

Jeremy Martinson (Brother-in-Law to Elise Forward)

Mary Alice Jones (Martie Guthrie's mother)

Family of Teajai Schmidt (relative of the Boocks)

Jacob Dan and family (Friends of Jeff Rodewald)

Karen Hamilton

Patricia Miller (Sister of Carl Warren)

Rhiannon Bondhus (Niece of Bondhus family)

Lori Snyder (Friend of Nancy & David Peters)

Ed and Gwen Paulson

Randy Dopkins (Family friend of Olive Olson)

Eden Annoye (Relative of Debra James)

John Weller (Cousin of Karen Brohaugh)

Dave and Deb Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

Phyllis and Tom Haugen (Family of Ellen Roose)

Fatma Aljarrah (Friend of Faye Perkins)

Beth Lindgren Family (Dan Malaney)

Michael Jacobson (Brother of Linda Jacobson)

Barb Carmichael (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Dennis & Sandy Schultz (Friends of Bill & Kay Montgomery)

Nancy Miller (Friend of Paula & Phil Klacan)

Linda Shurden (Friend of Nancy Sailer)

Joyce Kendall (Mother of Cara Getschel)

Hannah Forward

Amanda Olson (daughter of Olive Olson)

Ella Conover (Phil & Paula's Klacan's Niece)

Daryl Kleeman (brother of Darcy Boock)

David Boock (Relative of the Boocks)

Teajai Schmidt (Relative of Boock family)

Lee Hill (friend of Naomi)

Gary Siebold

David Hendrickson



June Birthdays



Name	Birthday	
Leila Jiskra	01-Jun	
Cara Getschel	2-Jun	
Carol Knudsen	5-Jun	
Russ Jiskra	6-Jun	
Peter Nelson	7-Jun	
Naomi Brandt	9-Jun	
Elizabeth Rodewald	14-Jun	
Eric Rodewald	14-Jun	
Louie Bernard	15-Jun	
Mark Ziebarth	15-Jun	
Ainsley Neuhaus	17-Jun	
Denise Burkett	26-Jun	
Douglas Rudesill	26-Jun	
Jack Stang	27-Jun	
Daniel Malaney	29-Jun	
Hannah Forward	29-Jun	
Edward Paulson	29-Jun	
Jaxon Jiskra	29-Jun	
Steve Meyer	29-Jun	



June Baptisms Shane Bondhus Erik Eaton Martie Guthrie Sean James Gary Siebold Luke Stang Leila Jiskra



		Celebrating
	Date	Years
Larry & Lynda Meyers	06/05	42
Douglas & Susie Rudesill	06/07	44
Joe and Connie Kurten	06/11	53
Mark & Lisa Ziebarth	06/12	37
Bill & Kay Montgomery	06/17	63
Joseph McIntosh & Faye Perkins	06/18	39